

**REMARKS**

Claims 7-9 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-6, 10 and 11 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 7-9 are allowed.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiners Kau and Poon in the August 30 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration (as the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution); and (c) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

**I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0097419 to Chang et al. (Chang) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,307,962 to Parker et al. (Parker) and U.S. Patent No. 5,493,325 to Kannapell et al. (Kannapell); rejects claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Chang in view of Parker and Kannapell and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,848,198 to Penn; and rejects claims 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Chang in view of Parker and Kannapell and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0234148 to Yamada. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

During the personal interview, the claims were discussed. However, as the recited claims are now canceled, these rejections are rendered moot. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

**II. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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